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## Colombia

## Poultry and Products

# Colombia Prohibits Poultry Imports from Delaware 2004

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**Report Highlights:**

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# Import Ban for Poultry and Products from Delaware

Colombia banned the imports of poultry and poultry products from the state of Delaware, effective February 11, 2004, due to the outbreak of avian influenza. The measure will be in effect for 3 months. During this period, the Colombian Government will review the need for the import ban. The import ban is similar to restrictions put in place in the past after outbreaks of low pathogen avian influenza in the U.S.

Below is an unofficial translation of the regulation published on February 11, 2004:

## UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION

### RESOLUTION No. 0255

**February 11, 2004**

"By which sanitary actions are taken to prevent the introduction of Avian Influenza into Colombia."

THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE COLOMBIAN AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE (ICA)

By using his legal powers, especially the ones granted by the Decrees 2141 of 1992, 1840 of 1994, and the Andean Community Resolution 447 of 1997, and

#### TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT:

According to information provided by the Deputy Administrator of APHIS to the OIE, an outbreak of Avian Influenza has been detected in a poultry farm of the State of Delaware, United States.

The conducted diagnose tests showed that the outbreak isolated strain was identified as AI subtype H7.

That Resolution 447 of 1997 issued by the Andean Community of Nations (also known as Basic Catalogue of Exotic Pests and Diseases to the Andean Sub-region) prohibits the imports of live birds, eggs for hatching or human consumption, as well as other products and by-products of poultry origin coming from countries affected by high pathogenic Avian Influenza.

That Colombia has not recorded outbreaks of Avian Influenza and therefore it is necessary to take some sanitary actions to prevent the risk of introducing this disease to the local poultry industry

#### ICA DECIDES:

ARTICLE No. 1 - To suspend the entry into Colombia of fresh poultry meat, live birds, eggs for hatching and human consumption as well as other meat products of poultry origin from the State of Delaware (United States) and from other States that may be affected by this disease.

ARTICLE No. 2 – To maintain the (import) suspension for a 3-month period. During this period, ICA will evaluate the risk of introducing the disease into Colombia by reviewing updated information.

ARTICLE No. 3 – Any animal health document issued for the import of fresh bird meat, live birds, eggs for hatching and for human consumption, as well as other meat products of poultry origin from the State of Delaware (United States) and which have not been used as of February 11, 2004, are canceled. The same is applied to States other than Delaware that may be affected by AI.

ARTICLE No. 4 –This Resolution is in force on the date of its publication by the Official Gazette.

To be published, communicated and executed. February 11, 2004.

(Signed by)

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